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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, US, SP, CU

SUBJ: US RESTRICTIONS ON SPANISH SHIPPING

REF: MADRID 1188

1. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL (REFTEL PARA 2) THAT SPANISH COMMERCE MINISTER MENTIONED A US PROHIBITION OF SHIPS WHICH HAD VISITED CUBA FROM ENTERING US PORTS. I WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED WHETHER THIS IS THE CASE AND WHETHER ANY SPANISH SHIPS HAVE ACTUALLY ATTEMPTED TO ENTER ANY US PORTS AND BEEN DENIED ENTRY ON GROUND THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY CALLED AT CUBAN PORTS.

2. I WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE A CITATION OF THE LAW AND A COPY OF THE REGULATIONS ON WHICH THIS ACTION IS BASED, IF THIS RESTRICTION DOES APPLY.

3. EMBASSY'S INCOMPLETE RECORDS INDICATE A CONFIDENTIAL AGREEMENT WAS REACHED WITH THE GOS VIA SPANISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WHEREBY SPANISH FLAG CARRIERS DISCOURAGED FROM ENGAGING IN CUBAN TRADE. BUT THIS
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WAS IN 1964 AND EVIDENTLY UNDER PROVISIONS OF FOREIGN

ASSISTANCE ACT 1963, WHICH WOULD NOT APPEAR TO APPLY
NOW TO SPAIN. IT WAS ALSO PREVIOUS TO A NUMBER OF LIBERALIZATIONS
OF OUR TRADE WITH OTHER COMMUNIST COUNTRIES.

4. IF THERE IS NO BASIS BEYOND THAT CONFIDENTIAL
AGREEMENT OF TEN YEARS BACK, I FORSEE SOME DIFFICULTY
IN ASKING GOS TO CONTINUE TO DISCOURAGE ITS CARRIERS
FROM THE CUBAN TRADE.
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